

regulations to be addressed at the meeting should be sent to Dr. Subhas G. Malghan, by June 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Red Auditorium, Administration Building (Building 101), at NIST, in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All questions related to this meeting should be directed to Dr. Subhas G. Malghan, FQA Program Manager, Building 820, Room 306, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; telephone (301) 975-5120, fax (310) 975-5414, E-mail: malghan@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Overview of QAS regulations
3. Overview of requirements of the registrar accreditation bodies and registrars
4. Overview of the requirements of the QAS manufacturing facilities requiring registration
5. Discussion/answers to questions sent to NIST by participants by June 5, 1998
6. Closing

Following issuance of the final regulations on September 26, 1996, the automobile industry expressed concern to the Department of Commerce (Department) that the Act and the implementing regulations did not recognize modern manufacturing methods using prevention-based QAS employing statistical process controls (SPC). On February 4, 1997, a public workshop was held at NIST to solicit information from all interested parties. The Department published a notice of proposed rule making in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1997, seeking public comments on proposed amendments to the regulations that recognize the use of prevention-based QAS under the FQA. The final rule published on April 14, 1998, is based on comments received in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1997, (62 FR 47240-47260)(1997) amending regulations found at 15 CFR Part 280 implementing the FQA. This final rule established the procedures for registration of in-process inspection activities of qualifying manufacturing facilities that use QAS, revised definitions and related sections for clarity, and corrected editorial errors. These changes will facilitate the implementation of the Act and will better accommodate modern industry practices by incorporating these practices into the certification process of fasteners covered by the Act.

The purpose of the meeting is to address issues relevant to the implementation of the final regulations specific to QAS and provide a forum for discussion of questions on QAS. To facilitate coverage of issues raised by the participants, NIST is requesting that all questions be sent to NIST by June 5, 1998. Every attempt will be made to address these questions at the meeting. Other questions not related to QAS may be sent, and if time permits, these questions will also be addressed.

Registration Form

Open meeting at NIST on June 16, 1998, to provide details and interpretations on the regulations related to the Quality Assurance System (QAS) of fastener manufacturing contained in the April 14, 1998, final regulation under the Fastener Quality Act.

Names and addresses of proposed participants:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone and fax numbers: _____

Please fax this form to FQA program Office, (301) 975-5414 by June 10, 1998.

Dated: May 26, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the renewal of the charter of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) for 2 years.

DATES: The term of the existing charter is from March 27, 1998, to March 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Charter is available from MAFAC, Office of Operations, Management, and Information, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Lu Cano, Executive Secretary; telephone: (301)713-2252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 101-6, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) has determined that the renewal of the MAFAC Charter is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law.

History

MAFAC was first established in February 1971 to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters to ensure that the Nation's living marine resource policies and programs meet the needs of commercial and recreational fishermen and environmental, state, consumer, academic, and other national interests. The Secretary continues to rely on the expertise of MAFAC for the development of national fisheries policy and program initiatives. This advice is essential to meet the needs of the fisheries and of those concerned with the fisheries.

Membership

MAFAC will consist of at least 15, but not more than 21, members to be appointed by the Secretary to assure a balanced representation among commercial and recreational fishermen and environmental, state, consumer, academic, and other national interests.

Function

MAFAC will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Copies of MAFAC's revised charter have been filed with the appropriate committees of the Congress and with the Library of Congress.

Dated: May 20, 1998.

David L. Evans,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

May 27, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).